GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INSPECTION OF LPG AGENCIES RETAIL OUTLETS BY VIGILANCE OF IOCL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG agencies and retail outlets inspected by vigilance wing of IOCL in Delhi during the period April-July, 2003 ;

(b) the findings of inspection carried out by the aforesaid team ;

(c) whether the samples of Tank Lorries which supply the product to retail outlets in Delhi have also been failed in specification ;

(d) if so, the action taken to improve the supply of quality of MS/HSD to retail outlets in Delhi ;

(e) whether IOCL has penalised the dealers on account of sample failure even though their tank lorry samples have also been failed ; and

(f) if so, the justification of giving penalty to dealers in Delhi ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) The Vigilance Wing of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has not conducted inspection of any LPG distributorship in Delh during the period April-July, 2003. However, during this period, 1 Retail Outlet of company, M/s. Ridgeview Service Station, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi was inspected.

(b) : During the inspection by Vigilance team, stock variation beyond permissible limit was detected. Subsequently, the Motor Spirit (MS) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) samples drawn by Vigilance team failed in RON test and distillation as well as furfural test respectively.

(c) : Yes, Sir. The HSD tank lorry retention sample failed in furfural test, whereas MS tank lorry retention sample was not tested as sample genuinety was in doubt, since the signature of TT driver on delivery challan and on sample tag are not matching.

(d) : IOCLhas increased the frequency of RO sampling as well as tank lorry inspection to eliminate the possibility of adulteration of petrol / diesel by some unscrupulous elements.

(e) & (f): IOCL has issued a show cause notice to the dealer. However, the final decision about the penalty as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG), 2001 would be taken after the due investigation, in the matter.